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~~SUMMARY~~

During the month of July 1947, as in June, the only extensive expressions of anti-U.S. sentiment of a propagandistic nature among Latin American broadcasts are voiced by COZ Havana, a transmitter controlled by the Cuban Popular Socialist Party (Communist). Even these, however, are few and far between during July; one broadcast inveighing against Argentina's proposal that "Nicaragua be limited to the Rio Conference... (after the coup)... organized by Wall Street" and the other attacking "North American imperialists" who are linked by COZ to allegedly repressive measures against the Cuban National Tobacco Federation.

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(cont.) "The proposal of the Argentine Government that Nicaragua be invited to the Rio de Janeiro Conference... (after the coup)... organized by Wall Street is nothing but an effort which Sir Pewon is trying to make to ridicule our peoples, who with all their strength condemned the reactionary coup of Somoza against the Government of Leguile. Wall Street inspired that coup in order to maintain in power its treasury, its thing, its steward.... The democratic forces of the Continent were unanimously in protest obliging the Governments not to recognize the rule of Lacayo, the dictator's puppet. Even Washington, after some days of hesitation caused by the surprise at the fact that the Latin American Governments refused to recognize the said regime, in order not to make itself further before our peoples and before the North American people themselves, chose reluctantly to join the majority in nonrecognition of Lacayo, the new henchman of Somoza. Therefore, we say that to accept the Argentine proposal would be to triumph on the democratic feeling of our peoples." (COZ HAVANA, IN SPANISH TO COFA, 16 JULY 1947)

(cont.) The National Tobacco Federation sends us some statements signed by the Director, Gouraud Collado, which follows: The National Tobacco Federation protests strongly against the arbitrary and abusive measure taken by the Minister of Labor by which the glorious, just, and legitimate Confederation of Workers of Cuba is ousted from the building which it alone has the right to occupy, since

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it is the only true representative of Cuban workers. The only explanation which we can find for such an absurd measure is a maneuver inspired by divisionist elements for the purpose of suffocating the just aspirations of the working class. ... The recent sugar-quota bill passed by the American Senate and the House could have no better appendix than this measure just ordered by the Minister of Labor in our Republic. Dr. Elio Socarras has transformed himself by his arbitrary resolution not only into a defender of the divisionists, but also into an effective collaborator in the interest of North American imperialism. ...

The tobacco workers of all of Cuba unite at this time in order to proclaim unity, in order to maintain it and defend it and to protest against the absurd, arbitrary, illegal, antipatriotic and unjust resolution of the Minister of Labor. We are against the divisionists, against the enemies of the working class, against all North American imperialists for the freedom and the consolidation of our trade unions and the survival of the glorious CTC. ... ([redacted]) 25X1
IN SPANISH TO CURA, 30 JULY 1947

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